

**REMARKS**

In response to paragraph II of the currently outstanding Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added in the amendments to the specification filed March 20, 2002. In addition, Applicants clearly and precisely point out support with page number and line number for each elected embodiment as indicated below.

Applicants hereby elect the following subject matter for prosecution in this application.

(1) As the amphoteric surfactant (A1), Applicants elect the compound A1-②: Lauramidopropyldimethylbetaine, on page 52, line 24, which is one of betaine type amphoteric surfactants (A1-1), and is represented by the formula (1). Claims 1-10 and 15-19 read on this species.

(2) As the cationic surfactant (A2), Applicants elect the compound A2-①: Didecyldimethylammonium isostearate, on page 52, line 29, which is one of quaternary ammonium salt type cationic surfactants (A2-1), and is represented by the formula (4). Claims 1-10 and 15-19 read on this species.

(3) As the base oil (B), Applicants elect B1-②:  $C_8F_{17}CH_2CH_2O(C_2H_4O)_3COCH_2CH(C_3H_6CH_3)C_2H_4CH_3$ , on page 53, line 12, which is one of fluorine-containing lubricants (B1). All the claims read on this species.

4) As the anionic surfactant (A3), Applicants elect A3-①: Sodium salt of carboxymethylated isostearyl alcohol-ED (3 moles) adduct, on page 53, lines 6-7. Claims 4-10 and 19 read on this species.

(5) As the anti-tackiness agent, Applicants elect C-①: Magnesium stearate, on page 53, line 21. All the claims read on this species.

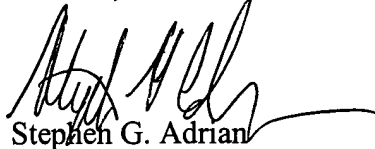
This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to any subsequently restricted, non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

In response to the Examiner's comments in item VI of the Office Action , Applicants understand that the Examiner must examine the novelty of the product itself over the art.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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